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SUBJECT: US-SOVIET CIVIL AVIATION RELATIONS

REF: STATE 40630 AND PREVIOUS

1. AEROFLOT REPS SAMORUKOV AND RUCHKIN AND TREPYKHALIN
OF SOVIET EMBASSY MET WITH EUR/SOV AND EB/OA OFFICERS
MARCH 6, TO EXCHANGE FORMAL NOTES DATED MARCH 5, CONSTITU-
TING INTERIM CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT. TEXTS OF NOTES
FOLLOW:

2. BEGIN TEXT OF US NOTE. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REFERS
THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO
THE US-USSR CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT OF 1966 AS AMENDED
BY THE PROTOCOL OF JUNE 23, 1973. TAKING ACCOUNT OF VIEWS
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EXPRESSED BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT PROPOSES, AS A TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT PENDING
FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS LATER THIS YEAR ON THE FUTURE OF US-
SOVIET CIVIL AVIATION RELATIONS, THE FOLLOWING UNDER-
STANDINGS:

(1) THAT PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE ANNEX TO THE CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT

AGREEMENT, AS AMENDED BY THE PROTOCOL OF JUNE 23, 1973, BE REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING: "EACH DESIGNATED AIRLINE MAY

OPERATE UP TO FOUR ROUNDTRIP FLIGHTS PER WEEK DURING THE SUMMER 1978 TRAFFIC SEASON (APRIL 1, 1978-OCTOBER 31, 1978), UP TO THREE ROUNDTRIP FLIGHTS PER WEEK DURING THE WINTER 1978/79 TRAFFIC SEASON (NOVEMBER 1, 1978-MARCH 31, 1979), AND THEREAFTER SUCH NUMBER OF FLIGHTS AS IS SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED BETWEEN THE CONTRACTING PARTIES. THE DESIGNATED AIRLINE OF THE UNITED STATES MAY EXERCISE THE RIGHT SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 4 ABOVE ON ALL ITS FLIGHTS. THE DESIGNATED AIRLINE OF THE SOVIET UNION MAY EXERCISE THE RIGHTS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 4 ABOVE ON TWO OF ITS FLIGHTS."

(2) THAT THE VALIDITY OF THE AGREED MINUTE ON CHARTER FACILITATION OF JUNE 22, 1973 BE EXTENDED THROUGH MARCH 31, 1979 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT CHARTER PROGRAMS PROPOSED BY AIRLINES OF BOTH SIDES FOR OPERATION THROUGH MARCH 31, 1979 SHALL BE APPROVED.

(3) THAT EACH DESIGNATED AIRLINE, ACTING AS GENERAL SALES AGENT FOR THE OTHER DESIGNATED AIRLINE IN THE TERRITORY OF THE CONTRACTING PARTY OF WHICH IT IS A NATIONAL, SHALL CONTINUE TO SELL AIR TRANSPORTATION ON ALL SERVICES OF THE OTHER DESIGNATED AIRLINE.
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(4) THAT EACH CONTRACTING PARTY SHALL PERMIT THE DESIGNATED AIRLINE OF THE OTHER CONTRACTING PARTY TO USE WIDEBODIED AIRCRAFT ON THE AGREED SERVICES DESCRIBED IN THE ANNEX TO THE CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT AS AMENDED, FROM APRIL 1, 1979, AT CAPACITY LEVELS WHICH SHALL BE SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED.

(5) THAT EACH DESIGNATED AIRLINE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF BOTH CONTRACTING PARTIES SHALL COOPERATE IN FACILITATING AIR TRANSPORTATION MARKETING PROGRAMS.

(6) THAT BOTH CONTRACTING PARTIES WILL ENCOURAGE THEIR AIRLINES TO PROPOSE AND IMPLEMENT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE LEVEL OF FARES AND RATES WHICH CAN BE ECONOMICALLY JUSTIFIED.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PROPOSES THAT IF THE SOVIET UNION CONSIDERS THE ABOVE UNDERSTANDINGS ACCEPTABLE, THIS NOTE AND THE SOVIET REPLY TO THAT EFFECT CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF THE EMBASSY'S REPLY. END TEXT.

3.

BEGIN TEXT OF USSR NOTE (INFORMAL TRANSLATION). THE
EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS REFERS

THE US DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
USSR AND THE USA ON AIR TRANSPORT OF 1966, AS AMENDED BY
THE PROTOCOL OF JUNE 23, 1973. TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION
THE PROPOSALS MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
IN THE NOTE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON MARCH 3; 1978, THE
SOVIET GOVERNMENT AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDINGS
AS A TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT PENDING FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS
LATER THIS YEAR ON THE FUTURE OF SOVIET-US CIVIL AVIATION
RELATIONS: (THE POINTS 1-6 IN SOVIET NOTE ARE IDENTICAL
TO THE ENGLISH TEXT.)
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CONSIDERING THE ABOVE UNDERSTANDINGS ACCEPTABLE, THE
EMBASSY AGREES THAT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED NOTE OF THE STATE
DEPARTMENT OF MARCH 3, 1978 AND THIS NOTE OF THE EMBASSY
SENT IN REPLY SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
TWO GOVERNMENTS, EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF THIS NOTE OF
REPLY. END TEXT. VANCE

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